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MEADE CO. HIGHWAYS

Are to be Improved Under The Supervision of The County Board

The Board of County Commissioners has taken up the matter of better roads for this county and with that end in view, have already commenced work.

Two new road graders have been purchased and were unloaded this week at Plains, where road work is now in progress.

As many county roads as in the judgment of the County Board seem advisable will be established, and a competent man will be employed to oversee the work.

The need of better roads has long been felt and we are glad to know that the Commissioners of Meade county are among the first in the state to take up the matter.

It is the duty of every taxpayer in the county to co-operate with the Commissioners in this undertaking.

There is no better advertisement for any community than good roads, and they are something that everyone is interested in having. The County board has started the work, and with the assistance of the people, they will be enabled to continue it to a successful close.

The Farmer a Business Man

The farmer of today is taking his place in the world as a business man. The farm of yesterday, which was a social and economic unit within itself, has been transformed into a part of a larger business organization, according to H. W. Davis, associate professor of the English language in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

This change in the organization of the farming industry has placed new obligations upon the farmer which have made it necessary for him to become a qualified business man, says this authority on farm advertising. The farmer must be capable of meeting other men as a salesman and a buyer.

Printed stationery is an important and inexpensive method of obtaining publicity, says Mr. Davis. The letterhead should contain the name of the farm, closely associated with that of the owner. They should be so connected that the reader will think of them as one. The farmer should use a simple and neat illustration, or cut, that will indicate the type of farming in which he is actively engaged. If he is a stockman, it should contain the picture of his most prominent animal. If he is a fruit farmer the illustration should show the fruit he is growing.

The paper should be of good quality because it is an indication of the standard of the business. It is one of the ways the patron has of judging the work of the person with whom he is to trade. The difference in price between good and poor paper is slight.

Nothing nicer than a victrola for a Christmas present. See the M & M about ordering one.

Drilling Stopped

The drilling on an oil well which has been in progress here for over a year ceased last week without success. The depth attained is 3807½ feet, the deepest hole in Kansas or Oklahoma.

The directors of the company held a meeting at Bucklin last week and decided to stop work. Mr. Gardner stated that it would cost around a thousand dollars for casing etc., before drilling could be continued. They were drilling in Mississippi lime stone which has not been gone through at less than 800 feet. The hole is so deep now that if oil was struck it would have to be out of the ordinary to make it a paying proposition. The Short Grass Oil & Gas Co. offered to let any individual take over the hole and give them part of the leases if the casing was paid for. No one would take the risk at this stage of the drilling.

Last Saturday the drillers began to pull the casing and they will probably have it all out by the time this issue is printed. There is sure a pile of it and its value is around \$7,000.00.

The community and those who invested pretty heavily in the well regret the failures to find oil or gas. Numbers have joined in financially to put the hole down to its present depth to ascertain accurately what is in the underlying formations. The depth of the hole should satisfy along that line.—Minneapolis Record.

Don't forget Neal of the Navy at Phelps theatre to-night.

"Mysterious Smith" and Co. the greatest magician living, will appear at Phelps theatre Tuesday evening, December 7. Watch for later particulars.

R. M. Painter left to-day for Great Bend where he has been invited to deliver an address at the unveiling of a Soldiers' Monument, which is said to be among the finest in the state.

"Old Sport Benson" supported by a good company, appeared at Phelps theatre last Monday evening and succeeded in entertaining as well as pleasing a good, big audience.

A new business firm started in Meade last week. Under the firm name of Smith & Worman Albert Smith and Elmer Worman are prepared to do all kinds of automobile repair work, with headquarters in the building north of Cooper & McCay's store. Both the boys are well known in Meade and their many friends, along with The News, wish them success.

H. Wiltz Brown, of Finley, Ohio, is in the city shaking hands with the boys he knew here twenty-seven years ago. Mr. Brown was a very popular young journalist here in the early days, and published The Press-Democrat. After selling his paper he moved to the Buckeye State, where he has since resided, and we understand has gained considerable fame as editor of the Finley Courier. Mr. Brown was here seventeen years ago, but says the place showed little improvement over what it was when he left, now he notes a very great improvement. We welcome Mr. Brown back to Meade.

Ben Marshall is home from Kansas City.

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Mrs. Wm. Backe and Miss Isabell Bruce returned Friday from Topeka, where they attended the State Teachers' Association.

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CAPPER'S ECONOMY

Goes up in Smoke With a Big Increase in Running Expenses of State

Topeka, Nov. 15—Economy and efficiency in the matter of state expenses received a slight jolt to-day when the annual report of W. E. Davis, state auditor, was made public. His report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, shows that the state expenditures were practically \$400,000 higher than for the extravagant Hodges democratic administration.

The report shows that it took \$5,302,530.51 to run the state departments for the fiscal year. For the fiscal year 1914 the total expenditures were \$4,904,886.04. For 1913 the totals were \$4,740,848. There has been no stopping the steady increase in state expenses, which passed the three million dollar mark in 1908 the total for that fiscal year being \$3,408,350.97. In 1909 it was \$3,609,537.28; in 1910 it slipped back to \$3,600,577.73, but jumped ahead to \$3,979,715.44 in 1911. In 1912 it passed the four million dollar mark, the total expenditures being \$4,426,432.03. This year it passed the five million dollar mark.

Of the \$5,302,530.51 expended the last fiscal year, 1915, the general revenue fund furnished \$4,479,942.17; special fee funds furnished \$822,588.30. The annual statement shows \$4,890,663.12 appropriated from the general revenue fund; \$4,479,942.17, expended, balance unexpended June 30, 1915, \$410,120.95. Special fund appropriations totaled \$1,211,499.32, of this amount \$822,588.34 was expended, leaving a balance on hand June 30, 1915 of \$388,910.98. Grand total available for the fiscal year, \$6,101,562.44, including all fee accounts. Expended, \$5,302,530.51; unexpended balance, \$799,031.93.

Dean Murphy encountered a barbed wire last Monday evening with a serious result. The crossing near the Bain residence had been completed that day and a wire was stretched across the street to prevent vehicles passing over it, but no danger signal was in evidence. Dean had been at the school house and was running home. As it was 7:00 p. m. it was too dark to see the wire and he ran into it, cutting a long gash in his upper lip. Up on the arrival of Dr. Davies, four stitches were taken in it. Had Dean been a little taller the wire would have struck him about the throat and the accident would have been far more serious, if not fatal.

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Forged A Check

That it is bad business to draw a check on the other fellow's bank account and sign his name to it has been demonstrated this week.

On the 25th of August of the present year, Henry Krause, who lives near Plains, brought his harvest crew, twelve or fifteen men, into the Plains State Bank and there wrote checks to each for wages due him. When he received his bank book balanced, some little time later, he had one hundred dollars less than he knew he should have. He investigated, and among his checks found one for that amount which he had not written—some one had forged his name, and in the rush at the bank on that date it had passed unnoticed. He notified the bank, and the hunt for the forger began. By some peculiar working of the law it was learned that he was employed on a farm near Ashland. On Tuesday of this week Sheriff L. G. Krislie, accompanied by John Elliott, went to Ashland and brought back Arthur McAlister, the forger, who is now in the Meade county jail.

McAlister, who is twenty years old, stated that he was guilty, but that he was willing to pay the money back, and gave the correct amount to the officers, who returned it to the Plains bank. He said he had worked for Mr. Krause and was in the bank the day he paid his harvest crew. It was such an easy matter that he wrote the check, signed Mr. Krause' name to it, got the money without the difference in the signature being detected.

McAlister is an honest looking boy and comes of a good family.

The United States spends \$700,000,000 every year on Lady Nicotine, it is estimated—more than any other nation in the world—and the fondness for her is still on the increase, judging from the statistics of production which show remarkable, and in some cases phenomenal increases, in the last decade. Few other industries have made such rapid strides in the last ten years as the tobacco industry. Even the European war made only slight inroads on the tobacco business in the last year, large cigars, manufactured tobacco and snuff showing slight decreases over the year 1913. Other branches show increases.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day.

L. G. Krislie and John Elliott made a trip to Ashland Tuesday.

A number of our people are in attendance at the Shaw sale being held today.

John Hantla, who is attending Southwestern, is in Meade for a short vacation.

G. L. Garlinghouse and W. S. Gibbons went to Dodge City Wednesday.

Miss Helen Boehler has returned from California. While absent she attended the expositions.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Murphy, of Guymon, and Mrs. F. H. Murphy, of this city, left Wednesday for Taylor, Texas. They will be absent about two weeks.

Land and Loans

Do you want to sell your land?
Do you want to buy land?
Do you want a Loan on your farm?
Have you City property to sell?
Do you want to buy City property?

SEE OR WRITE,

FUHR, Meade, Kansas.

Office: First National Bank Bldg.

Foot Ball

The Meade High school foot ball team will play the Fowler team at Fowler to-morrow. A special train train will leave Meade at 3:00 o'clock and return when the game is over.

Rev. Mary Sibbitt will lecture at the M. E. church to night and at the Presbyterian church to-morrow evening. Her lectures will be well worth hearing.

The kid social, to be given in the Sourbeer hall, next Saturday evening promises to be one of the most interesting events of the season. An invitation is extended to the public.

Mrs. Teresa Thompson appeared at the school auditorium Wednesday evening, as the second number of the Lyceum course. She read, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." Though the evening was bad, a fair-sized audience was in attendance.

The members of the Baptist Christian Endeavor will have a social in the building formerly occupied by the Stevens Mercantile Co., next Tuesday evening, November 23. The Meade young people are cordially invited to attend.

J. N. Hamilton returned from Topeka Sunday.

Isaac Covalt returned last week from Wichita.

R. M. Gum, of Larned, was in Meade last week on business.

G. L. Garlinghouse made a trip to Dodge City last Friday.

You can get a star cut glass tumbler absolutely free at L. N. Braden's store. Read about them in their advertisement in today's News.

That family group you have been wanting—why not have it made at the Backe Photograph gallery in Meade, while the children are home for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Just received a car load of Pennsylvania oil—Mobile B-A-E and Zeta. Roy Twist.

See the new mountings at the Backe Photograph gallery. They are right up to the minute.

Electric Supplies

A complete line of electric supplies carried in stock at the Light Company office in Meade State Bank building. Phone 289.

Union Thanksgiving

Union Thanksgiving services will be held this year in the M. E. church, and Rev. J. M. McArthur, of the Presbyterian church, will preach the sermon. The services will be at 11 o'clock Thursday morning and some special music will be rendered. The general public is invited.

If changes in the weather are any indication, Mr. Weather Man has had a grouch on all week. Sunday was a cold, disagreeable day; Monday we had a dust storm and all the loose real estate was taken to the south boundary line of somewhere Tuesday was the same kind of a day, only different—the dust all went north, Wednesday the dust blew a little, it rained some, snowed a little, and finished with a cold north wind. Today is a little cool but quite pleasant, and what kind of a day tomorrow will be, nobody knows but the Weather man himself.

Young Peoples' Meeting

Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening, November 21, 7:30.

Leader: Mary McGaffin.

Prelude.

Song.

Scripture reading.

Thanksgiving prayer.

Song.

Reading "Thanksgiving Proclamation," Esther Anshutz.

Response to roll call with "One thing I am thankful for," by each member of the society.

"The old General," Moses Black.

"Thankfulness for awakening of the public conscience," Mrs. Fuhr.

Solo, Miss Pugh.

"Thankfulness for advances in the art of healing," Dr. G. A. Davies.

"Thankfulness for advance in intelligence," Supt. J. N. Hamilton.

Song.

Christian Endeavor benediction.

Married

Mr. Chan Ballard and Mrs. Emma Whitaker were united in marriage, October 27th, in Denver, and went from there to California on their wedding trip. They returned to Meade Tuesday of this week and will be at home on the Ballard ranch, south west of Meade.

Mr. Ballard is well known in Meade and has been engaged in raising stock here for the past ten years. The bride is a lady of culture and refinement.

The News extends congratulations.